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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
123RD LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 1508, L.D. 2129, Bill, "An Act To Make Clam Flat Status Notification More Efficient, Cost-effective and Economically Beneficial to the Shellfish Industry"

Amend the amendment by inserting after section 2 the following:

'Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §6651, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2003, c. 20, Pt. WW, §12, is further amended to read:

1. Fees to be paid into fund. Sixty-five percent of all fees from shellfish licenses, mussel hand-raking and boat licenses, shellfish transportation licenses and wholesale seafood licenses must be paid into the Shellfish Fund. The Shellfish Fund may receive any other money, including any other gift, grant or other source of revenue.

Amend the amendment by inserting after section 3 the following:

'Sec. 4. Transfer. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, on or before July 31, 2008, the State Controller shall transfer \$25,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Shellfish Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Marine Resources.'

Amend the amendment by inserting after section 4 the following:

'Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF  
Bureau of Resource Management 0027

Initiative: Provides an allocation for funding overtime for water quality staff and training for volunteers in the water quality program.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2007-08	2008-09
Personal Services	\$0	\$25,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$25,000

SENATE AMENDMENT

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Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

**SUMMARY**

The bill, as amended by Committee Amendment "B," eliminates the requirement that notification of rulemaking relating to the status of a shellfish area be published in a newspaper. This amendment directs that the resulting savings be transferred to the Shellfish Fund, which is established for the management, enforcement, restoration, development and conservation of shellfish and mussels in the intertidal zone or coastal waters, and allocates those funds for funding overtime for water quality staff and training volunteers in the water quality program.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

(See attached)

SPONSORED BY: *Dennis J. Damon*

(Senator DAMON)

COUNTY: Hancock

**SENATE AMENDMENT**



# 123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 2129

LR 3045(08)

**An Act To Make Clam Flat Status Notification More Efficient, Cost-effective and Economically Beneficial to the Shellfish Industry**

**Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "B"**

**Sponsor: Sen. Damon of Hancock**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

## Fiscal Note

	2007-08	2008-09	Projections 2009-10	Projections 2010-11
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$25,000	\$0	\$0
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$25,000	\$0	\$0
<b>Transfers</b>				
General Fund	\$0	(\$25,000)	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$25,000	\$0	\$0

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment specifies that the savings recognized by not having to publish the status of shellfish areas in newspapers be transferred into the Shellfish Fund and results in a reduction of cost savings to the General Fund of \$25,000 in fiscal year 2008-09 and a corresponding increase to Other Special Revenue Funds in the Department of Marine Resources of \$25,000 in fiscal year 2008-09.